

MAIL STOP AF

Group Art Unit: 3753

Examiner: ANDREW J ROST

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

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- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	7	20	0	x \$ 52 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$ 220 (1201)	0
<input type="checkbox"/> If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 390 (1203)					\$ 0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0

- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008, please reconsider
the rejection in view of the following remarks: